

Geo. I. Engelmann
St. Louis Sept. 19. 1866.

Dear Sir!

Yesterday I returned home after spending three very pleasant weeks with my relatives in Illinois. The first week after our return from Davenport I passed at home and was kept quite busy attending to many little things which father could not see to. The cholera as you may well suppose, keeping him at work. The disease appeared to be abating towards the end of the week, and not being any longer so necessary at home I left for Illinois Sunday. The first few days were pleasant, but since the 26th ult. the weather has been miserable. Almost incessant rain varied by a few cloudy days and two pleasant ones. I was in the saddle a good deal, but hunting I could not think of as I am so weak in my legs that a two mile walk breaks me completely down for the rest of the day.



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I continually wanted to write to you and have
no excuse to offer for my laziness. I feel so
ashamed of myself for my apparent forgetfulness,
that it is almost with reluctance that I take up my
pen at so late a date to thank you for all that you
have done for me.

The debt I owe you, I at first thought as lightly of,
as I did of my illness. I was so prostrated, so
utterly indifferent to everything that I was almost
astonished at the congratulations of friends and acquaint-
ances, which met me on all sides upon my
arrival in St. Louis. At first I was a little amused
at the anxiety of my parents, and not until I
heard from others of the torture and suffering which
father and mother had endured, did I begin to
realize the brink upon which I stood and the
fate from which you preserved me.

Though not free in thanks and words, should ever
occasion offer, and heaven grant, it will, by action
will I show you the gratitude of which a warm
heart is capable. Nor shall I ever forget the kind
attention of Dr. Baker, the disinterested friendship



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of Mr. and Mrs. Perry, who seconding your
constant watchfulness almost made me
forget that I was away from home. To all
of them I beg you to remember me. And tell
them not to overlook us should they visit
St. Louis. and that I was not forgetful
that I have been silent so long, also tell Dr. Baker
that I have been perfectly well ever since my
convalescence but that the weakness still remaining
in my legs, prevents me from indulging my
desire for the destruction of chickens.

Again I ask you not to think me forgetful
on account of this long delayed letter
but believe me yours

Ever grateful and true

Geo. J. Engelmann.



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St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 13 1883

My dear Kind Friend -

I was delighted to receive your kind letter just at this time - a bad anniversary - and whilst on the point of writing to you - having received your address from Mr Putnam who was here some weeks ago enthusiastic as ever.

Then we had a short but important and refreshing visit from Dr and Mrs Gray - who will be our guests on their return in a month or two.

His letter just received from Mobile I mail to you.

Things are moving well. But slowly. And when Dr Gray returns I hope that I can write more definitely to you.

How well I understood my good father turning away from Mr Shaw!



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Mr. Putnam is now looking up manuscripts
and putting away for the Academy - I wish he
would send out some more such help and
share of - I have not been to the Academy
but once since Feb. 25 - disappointed - but was for
the sake of Father's memory - by the way the
and after some no demand to make - what
should you go to the Academy to not fear
to look up Dr. W. Webster a well man - and
another friend - on my way - Disrupt of Father -
a letter and again friend who may - work up
some of these branches - he is Director du Service de
Sante 3^e Corps d'Armee
a Queen



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Even Dr Gray - whom he esteems
highly and looks up to - can not
make him see anything else :-

Father Herbertaria - than simply
a greater mass of bundles than
he already has :-

Still matters are being satis-
factorily arranged - and I shall
not rest until I see you develop-
ing the hidden treasures of Father
Lof's work - I can never remain
easy or satisfied until I know
all his work has not died with him!

There must be a wealth of observation
stowed away in his richest notes
and it shall not rot - it must be
unearthed and developed.

Through you alone do I believe
this possible. And you have no
idea how grateful I am to you
for your kind expressions!

When Dr Gray returns I will be
able to write more fully. I hope.



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You will not regret I am sure
He went to Washington as it was possible
and spent with the greatest satisfaction and
gratitude the few days there spent with his
wife and son. I am
Wishes the Union

Sincerely and faithfully
Yours
Jeffrey

My wife says to be sure and
write him as to how they are generally and be
a pleasant as successful journey. All a happy
and safe return home. You have our most kindest
 regards to be for the little the two children
and I have been to know her mother



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St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12 1883

Dear Dr Barry

I have just received
your kind letter and the accom-
panying biography. for which I can
only thank you. I appreciate it
deeply and thank you most sincerely
for the feelings which prompted it.
During the last few days I have
read and reread that last letter
of father - the more I read it. the
more I think about it. the more
touching it seems to me. the more I
prize it - it is he himself. I hardly
know that any other such brief
writing could better characterize
him in certain ways - it was his last
letter - what I have lost comes
slowly but all the more heavily
& upon me. yet I have been blessed
and gratified more than many -
It was a good old age -



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381 Could you not send me a
few more of the reprints?

You are right. Things are
moving slowly - but I can do
nothing, all that I can do. I
have done - sent to Prof Gray the
pamphlets which father had him -
self collected and placed, in the
order of their publication in an old
paper - It seems that Mr Shaw
has now also granted funds for the
reproduction of the illustration - which
I should have taken upon myself
- but still preparations are continuing -
plates are gathered, arrangements made
for reproduction - - But as to the actual
publication I know of nothing that
has been done so far -

Mr Shaw seems to yield more
and more and the Herbarium must
probably go there in the end as the
future promises fair for the very best
home for it.

As Prof Trelease: it seems - will



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St. Louis, Mo., 188

Control matter - and as it seems
that Prof Gray relies greatly on his help -
he once spoke of you and he doing
it here - I feel that I could not
have any thing done to the herbarium
without knowledge and consent of
Prof. Gray and I believe and the
latter has time on hand now to
do it. He intends to see to its
preservation as far as necessary at
once - but not to disturb it or change
in any way until proper reception
can be given it in the garden.

Now could you not, as you expect to
do - come down - even if for a short
visit you were on the formation
with father course of work. with his
means of arranging - his thoughts -
papers and instructions - in fact
with his life work - you could
do much to guide Prof T. correctly
and get him into the right way -
you could prove I disturbance



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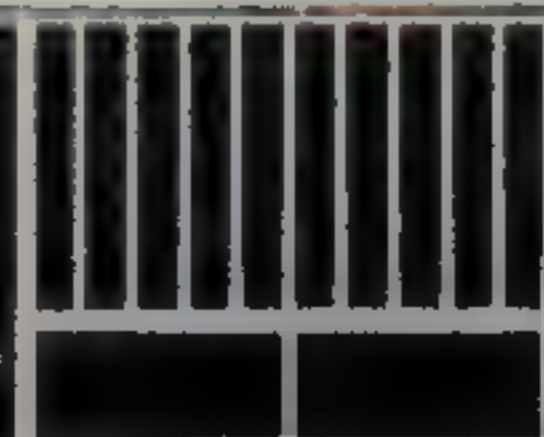
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and tell him just what to do -
you would better understand the
bundles - what things mean - and
help to keep them in the old way -

I should not wish the Herbarium to
lose its individuality and as far
as possible would like to see it
kept in the same manner

Can't you do as you had
promised? But should you go
south - You cannot go without
stopping - then you are Mr Perry
must stop with us - that you
cannot well avoid - please bear it
in mind -

Have you ever corresponded
with Dr Weber - a French Army
surgeon and old correspondent
of Father? He wrote over a year
ago - offering assistance and
wishing to take some part in
which he was interested of Father's
unfinished work - when in Paris



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I wrote to him at length but
received no answer. I was puzzled
and will now write again - but if
you know him - I trust that you
would do so as well -

D^r Albert Weber
Directeur du Service de Santé
du 3^{me} Corps de l'Armée Russe.

He and Beecher are anxious
to work up certain parts of the
Herbarium on complete unfinished
work in which they are interested

Again thank; you - I remain
with kindest regards to Mrs Perry
and yourself. in which my wife
join me

Faithfully yours

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St. Louis, Mo.,

Nov 18 1883

My dear Doctor

I must trouble
you again, but I have just
received enclosed - and have
referred matter to you - for a
biography of Fackler - to be accompa-
nied by a cut for which I send
them photograph - You see that
they want a scientific biography
- 3 page octavo - to be paid for -

Now would you do it, if they
apply to you instead of having some
stranger write first? -

I much wish to post you so
that you will fully understand
as soon as they write

With kindest regards

Your sincere

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St. Louis, Mo., December 10 1883

My dear Dr

I am astonished to hear that you should have had no word from the publishers after they seemed so anxious for my advice, - and am very that the task should fall into the hands of parties interested - I presume in nothing but the few dollars in it -

For the letter I thank you - I can see father as he wrote it - such were his feelings - it is most thoroughly characteristic - as is his last - I myself have none - not a single line by his own hand which pictures his inner self - To me he never expressed his feelings -



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When may we expect you? -
I am, by the way - now treating
a Mrs Walcott - who is a Dartmouth
lady and as a young lady - before
marriage claims to have
known Mrs Parry very well - and
is anxious to see her should she
come to the city -

We have had nothing better
than 10° or 9° + have not yet
reached 0 - and hope we never
shall - at least not until they
get through the steam heating work
which is now going on - In some
three weeks we may have it
in working order -

With kindest regards
from wife and self - to yourself and
family
Truly yours

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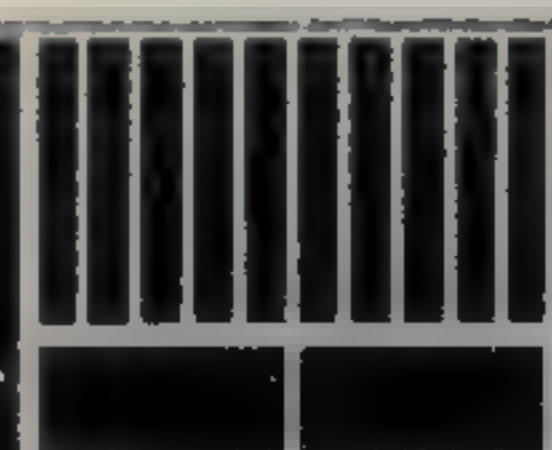
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St. Louis, Mo., Feb 15 1886

Dear

I presume that I
must send the letters back to
you - I thank you for them -

Yes - they are father all
through! - they characterize him -
but few knew and understood
him as do you and Prof. Gray
and that correspondence was his
life - his pleasure - he did not
miss society, would not talk to
every body, because he felt that he
did not interest them - nor they
him - and at his desk he had
his chat - his entertainment - by
writing to his friends, and this
his letter show - he is talking to you
and throughout all that solid good
kind sense - Ten years ago you
were with us - now we shall



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ask no more question - Since
you have delayed so long in
coming but will expect to have
a letter - soon or later - telling
us when you will be here - you
are only too welcome at any time
any time - as we know that you
will take things just as you
find them - You are the only
one to whom I would ever think
of giving that Knife - and you
must tell J. that I would not
part with it - it belongs to the
Herbarium - and goes with it. I am
only keeping it as a dear
memento - a characteristic one
simple, solid, serviceable, and from
me it goes to you in the Herbarium

Trilium is now in Cambridge -
and the work seems progressing -
They have three fine reprints
you speak of - but I want to
talk to you about it - the volume
when you come - - this also I shall



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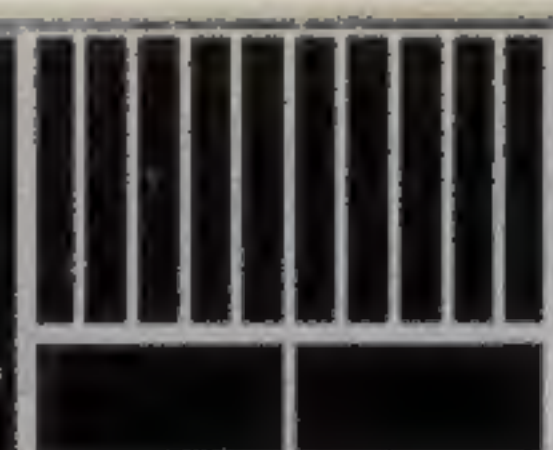


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St. Louis, Mo., 188

is funny - how else shall I call it -
I must, unbeknown to him
make up the balance - as he will
not have it yet will not give
enough - And I do not like that
way of doing things - will write to
Gray - though I hate to bother him
as he is doing so much - it goes
against my nature for me to
creep around Mr Shaw so - and
it is not worthy of Gray - as the
subject about which it all is -
a scientific work being undertaken
and every body giggling around
to suit Mr Shaw's suspicious
nature - is it not so?

I am curious to see Wilson
when he comes back - he will
know more about it - and I
speak; to him before he left
I saw that he has the proper view



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88 (of course my view) of the matter

We also have had some cold weather - but now spring - the great ice matter - the river disappearing and not many boats hurt - I hope that you and Mrs Parry will weather the Polar - which cannot be bad - as well as you have the real winter.

Our engineers have done well - covered with snow they did not mind the cold, although some of them are awfully small -

With kindest regards from Mrs E. who is still waiting for you and Mrs Parry -

Sincerely and ever Gratefully

Yours

Geo. Engelmann



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Salmon Oct 2, 88

Dear Dr

Very glad indeed
to hear from you again. But
now that you are nearer
hope to see you - will that
not be possible?

We have just returned -
have been abroad. left last
February - on account of my
wife's health - had a pretty
hard time of it - no pleasure -
not even opportunity for
study - now all seems bright
and well again - and we hope
that you can say the same
of yourself and Mrs Peary -
I should like very much to



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to hear from you about your
California idea and prospects -
then matters are still in statu
quo - too bad. I expect her
return - her I am with Koch
in Berlin - and I will talk it
over with him - would like to
have some step taken soon - it
is time that work should be
begun or the Herbarium may
suffer - will keep you posted
may have to ask your advice.

with kindest regards

From Jan E. and self
truly yours

Geo. Engelmann

You know - dear Doctor - that you
are always heartily welcome - and at
any and every time - if you will put up
with such little disturbances as may be going
on if you come near our camp - and when

will you come with
Jan & Mary?



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